

Road to Rim of Crater Lake Open

The road to the rim of Crater Lake was opened up to automobiles last week and dozens of cars make the trip to the rim daily. The road was cut through the huge drifts in places. This is the latest for a number of years that the snow has held back the autos from the rim.

Never have the roads been as good to the park as they are now. All the way from Medford they are as hard and smooth as a floor. The late rains have benefited them. Since then the highway has been scraped and dragged, removing every rut and rough spot. The 81 miles is a trip of continual delight and pleasure. The Prospect grade was never better. The portion that was soft and loose last year, because of new work done, is firm. Through the Crater Lake national forest, beyond Prospect, the road is like a city boulevard.

The new highway, giving an entirely new approach to the park, is completed and avoids many of the crooked sections, as well as taking visitors through a more interesting part of the big playground.

A crew of men is smoothing out the few rough spots left in the road.

Several Ashland parties have left within the past week for the lake, and many others are planning to leave within the next few days. Ashland is also becoming a headquarters for tourist parties before leaving for the lake. Several parties have made the Ashland auto camp their headquarters for trips to the caves and other points of interest about the valley while waiting for the road to open up.

Strike Vote Result Known Tomorrow

The four brotherhoods of railroad trainmen and engineers have notified the railroads' committee that they are prepared to resume conference on the eight-hour proposition and overtime pay in New York on August 1. The result of the strike vote recently taken will be officially known on the same date.

The brotherhoods' officials will go into the conference backed up with the power of the referendum vote of 360,000 railway employees to "act as they deem best" in case the deadlock cannot be broken by argument.

A statement from the brotherhood headquarters at Cleveland said:

"The vote does not necessarily mean a strike, because the ballot only authorizes the chief executives of the four brotherhoods to call a strike provided a satisfactory settlement cannot be obtained from the railroads.

"The ballots were sealed in envelopes by the individual members and no one knows what the vote is until it is opened by the brotherhoods' committee in New York August 1. Any announcement before that time as to the result of the vote is only a guess."

Ascends Ashland Butte Backwards

Milton Biegel achieved a unique feat Sunday when he accomplished the ascent of Mt. Ashland backwards. He walked backwards all the way from the postoffice to the summit, consuming a little over six hours in the trip. The distance is about fourteen miles. He was accompanied by his two brothers, who walked "right side ahead." Last year Milton rode and pushed his bicycle to the summit and rode back down in less than two hours. Young Biegel is an all-around athlete and won the marathon race held in the city two years ago.

Artillerymen Back From Fort

The first company, Coast Artillery Corps, returned yesterday evening from the annual encampment at Fort Stevens, and report the ten days to have been full of hard work and good times. Several of the militiamen stopped off in Portland and at other points to visit before coming on home. The men were given separate return transportation for this purpose. The boys made good records in every department at camp and gained much valuable experience.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

AUTOMOBILISTS, ATTENTION.

The police department is determined to put an end to the driving of automobiles on the wrong side of the street, stopping on the wrong side or more than two feet from the curb. The department announces that the last warning has been given and that hereafter arrests will follow violations.

Girl Hikers Have Great Experiences

Misses Amy Stannard, Helen Eske and Anita Barnard, three young ladies of Ashland, determined to show the world that women could "rough it" as well as men, hiked over to Josephine county caves on foot recently. Leaving the caves, they were told of a short route home by way of the mountain ridge direct to Mt. Ashland. After travelling half a day, getting lost and going through all kinds of experiences, the girls arrived at Steamboat. They got to Applegate Friday morning, and their shoes being in shreds, hired a stage to take them to Jacksonville, from whence they took the trolley to Medford and finished the trip into Ashland by jitney, completing the cycle of means of travelling. Their adventures included everything from being lost to falling into Applegate river.

Seventy Men For Crater Rim Road

According to the Medford Mail Tribune, seventy men will leave this week to commence work on the road which the government is building around the rim of Crater Lake. The work has been later than usual in starting this year because of the lateness of the season.

Band Dance To Buy Big Bass Horn

Owing to the fact that two or three members of the Ashland band have been obliged to leave town because of lack of employment or better opportunity elsewhere, and others for various reasons, the band is now hiring five men from out of town, who come up for the concerts Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon. The band is steadily getting better and now ranks as a very high-class organization for a city the size of Ashland.

The instrumentation is very evenly balanced, and of course the out-of-town men brought in are the pick of the valley players. The band now is composed of twenty-four pieces. Owing to the unforeseen strain resulting upon the band's finances from the necessary hiring of outside talent, the band finds it difficult to make ends meet from the amount subscribed by the citizens. However, this is being done. The band has needed and must have a double B bass horn, also a new bass drum. The bass section of the Ashland band will equal the best anywhere in the valley if such a horn can be procured, and the boys are determined to go after it. The drum is a necessity, the old one being all in. Rather than ask for further subscription the band is to give a benefit dance, the management of the Bungalow having donated the floor. On next Thursday evening, therefore, everyone who dances and enjoys dancing to a big five-piece orchestra of the city's best musicians should come up to the Bungalow, help out a worthy cause and enjoy a very pleasant evening. The band men have been wholeheartedly giving their time for practice and concerts twice weekly this summer, and the citizens owe it to them to give their dance the biggest kind of patronage.

Dancing will be 50 cents for the entire evening or 10 cents a dance for single dances. Anyone who does not get several times 50 cents' worth of fun out of the evening should see a doctor. Everybody is invited and urged to come and bring their friends.

Waco, Grant and Wheeler counties plan new highway to the Idaho line.

The Mt. Hood loop highway has been promised \$200,000 from the forestry department this year.

We Wonder How Soon Is Possible?

State Engineer Lewis of Salem was in the valley last week looking over the conditions on the Ashland or Billings hill and also the work on the Siskiyou grade.

Mr. Lewis stated that the Ashland hill had been held up by the railroad company but the company had finally agreed to start alterations as soon as the steel arrived. The county funds are on hand, according to county officials, and Mr. Lewis promised that the road would be built as soon as possible.

Regarding the Siskiyou grade which will be paved with crushed rock so that there can be travel through to California winter and summer, Mr. Lewis said there had been some delay in getting the rock quarry started, but this was to be expected, and he believed work would go forward rapidly as soon as the material had been collected.

Big Rainbow Trout In Lake of the Woods

Archie Eubanks and Meredith Beaver returned Friday from a three weeks' outing, during which they spent a week at Lake of the Woods, a week at Jennie creek and another week on the road, making the trip by way of Pelican Bay and Klamath Falls. At Lake of the Woods there are few campers, most of the campers going to that favorite spot during huckleberry season when they can combine huckleberry pies with the other delights. Archie reports catching a two-pound rainbow by trolling in Lake of the Woods, and states that they caught several nice trout there and that by next year the trout fishing should be great. The trout were planted in the lake several years ago, but seemed to have a hard time getting started due to the number of carp in the lake. The carp are an awful bother yet, according to the boys, taking the spoon like trout.

Lake of the Woods is the prettiest camping place in the west, and excellent trout fishing will make it a paradise for campers. The boys state that a man is going to have several boats built and for hire on the lake by next year. There is only one at present.

The road to Lake of the Woods is almost impassable for automobiles at present, according to the boys, the high centers, stumps and rocks being a constant danger. Automobiles can easily go within six miles of the lake, however, and one car came clear in while they were there. It will take but little work to put the road in shape for autos. The road on to Pelican bay is in worse shape and will require much more work.

Mystery Woman Case Hushed Up

All the mystery of the "woman of the Siskiyou" has been eliminated. Yreka, Cal., authorities at the head of the posse searching for her found her a few hours after she was discovered in the Quigley cabin on Dutch creek. The facts as given out were correct, but for the sake of herself and her family her name and the man in the case were hushed up. This information was given out by the police Friday. She was taken from the cabin on horseback.

It will be remembered that the woman was discovered in the lonely cabin by a wandering prospector. He gave her what aid he could, and when he went to a settlement for food, six miles away, she disappeared. Sheriff Howard of Yreka and a posse of fifty men rushed to the scene and after a twenty-four-hour search quietly returned to their homes. Since then the California authorities have been reticent to talk.

A Quiet Mining Deal Pulled Off

T. M. Lowery, D. M. Watt of Butte City, Mont., and D. D. Good of this city have bought the rich mining claims of the Hopwoods located on North Hungry creek, Siskiyou county, California. Dave will go to the mines this week and resume operations.

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Stage Coach Joins Relics of Past

The old stage coach which has been rocking to and from the Southern Pacific depot, carrying passengers for the Hotel Oregon, has been relegated to some weed-grown barnyard and in its stead the Hotel Austin has a shiny new ten-passenger Studebaker auto bus of the latest design. The new bus adds the finishing touch to the up-to-date equipment of the hotel. "Hotel Austin" in letters of gold adorns the sides. Ray T. Collins is employed as chauffeur. The bus made its first run Thursday evening. Also, we might add, the ten-passenger bus is often taxed to capacity and business at the hotel is growing steadily. The travelling men who heretofore fought shy of Ashland are beginning to learn that the best meals in the valley and also rooms and beds equal to the best may be found at the Austin.

Boxing Match Was Feature of Camp

According to the returning boys, one of the most interesting occurrences of the Coast Artillery annual encampment at Fort Stevens this year was a boxing bout held at the skating rink between Burney Burnett of the first company of Ashland and Murray Scott of the Fort Stevens regulars.

Six rounds were scheduled, but after Burnett had the best of it in three of the six the referee had them go one more round, which resulted in a draw, the same as most of the rounds which were not decisively Burnett's. The decision was a draw.

The first round was a draw.

The second round was Scott's by a shade.

The third round Burnett had Scott groggy throughout the whole round. The fourth round Burnett knocked Scott to his hands and knees during the first part of the round and had him groggy during the rest of the round.

The fifth was Scott's by a small margin.

The sixth and seventh rounds were even.

"Burney" shows only one black "lamp," while his opponent displays two, and it is needless to say that the first company is proud of the fist ability of their genial comrade and his showing against a regular who had opportunities to train for this bout which Burney could not indulge in. Such condition can be maintained only through constant care.

Wade Hampton Wins From Bessie Mills

Before a crowd of a thousand yelling racing fans, Wade Hampton, old veteran racing horse, romped in two lengths ahead of Bessie Mills, fast little Medford mare, at the Medford track Sunday. After a half hour of jockeying the mounts got off to an even start, and Wade forged ahead almost from the first jump. J. J. Arant, who owned Wade and rode him in many a hard-fought race, rode the old timer against Bessie Mills and caused the wise ones to sit up and take notice of the manner in which he handled the big horse. Medford was pretty well cleaned out after the race. Jinks Murphy brought back Doc Helms' hat, betting his own headgear after his money was gone against the sombrero of the Medford believer in the unbeatable qualities of Bessie Mills. Jim Bowers, owner of Wade, will go over to Dorris next Sunday and may make arrangements to match Wade against some of the fact northern California horses for two or three weeks from Sunday.

Need Lithia Trough For Deer Visitors

A trough filled with lithia water for the accommodation of the wild deer which hang around the lithia fountains may become a necessity before long. On Saturday morning an early visitor to the park found the three deer which have been seen frequently lately, down in the fountain plaza. Some friends with a camera were called and snapshots obtained.

Klamath Falls gets additional passenger train service from Weed.

BAND CONCERT FOR EDITORS.

The band concert slated for Wednesday evening of this week has been postponed until Friday on account of the visit of the State Editorial Association to Lithia Park on Friday evening. The change is for this week only.

Roundup Men Plan For Next Year

The Roundup Association met Thursday evening of last week and listened to a report of the recent roundup, both financial and detail. The invoice of the assets which the old association is turning over to the newly formed corporation were gone over. Plans for the coming year were discussed and laid and enthusiastically received.

Another meeting will be held tomorrow evening and the organization perfected. Seventy-five shares of stock were subscribed Tuesday. The association is over-subscribed and some of those who have four shares have been asked to let loose of part of them. The aim is to get as many men as possible interested in the roundup, thus putting the backing of the greater number behind it.

Will Be Taken Over Parks Tomorrow

General Passenger Agent Batters of the state of California and other California Southern Pacific officials are in the valley today and will be shown over Ashland parks and the city tomorrow by Agent Kramer and Mr. Greer. Mr. Batters holds the same position in California that John M. Scott holds in Oregon.

Ten Thousand Will Sing of Ashland

Prof. Henry G. Gilmore has received the proof for his song, "Ashland the Beautiful," which is being published by the Southern Pacific Company at their San Francisco printing plant. The make-up of the piece of music is very attractive. A glass of water with a bubbling spring adorns the cover, with the title done in artistic lettering. On the back is a brief delineation of what "Oregon's Famous Spa" has to offer the tourist, together with directions for reaching Crater Lake and Josephine Caves from Ashland and descriptions of these wonders. The piece of music is strikingly attractive and will attract attention anywhere.

The song, both words and music of which are from the pen of Prof. Gilmore, is a beautiful thing, and after its introduction to the people of Ashland will soon become the popular air of the day, so catchy is the tune. It is dedicated to John M. Scott, who is an old friend of Prof. Gilmore. Mrs. O. Winter's motto, "Ashland Grows While Lithia Flows," is on the cover, properly credited.

Ten thousand copies of the song are to be printed immediately for distribution throughout the east, and later ten thousand more for the Pacific coast territory. This advertising is something unique and distinctive and is very valuable. Ashland owes a great big debt to Prof. Gilmore, who donated his composition to the cause, and to the Southern Pacific for publishing and distributing it.

The song will be arranged for a quartet by Prof. Gilmore and sung at some public gathering in the near future. It is also hoped that it may be arranged for a chorus and sung by the choral club.

Ohio Bankers Due This Afternoon

Three carloads of Ohio bankers will arrive this afternoon on the second section of train 16 and will have an opportunity to drink lithia water at the station during the twenty-minute stop. Local Ohioans will greet the visitors.

Astoria's council has voted hard surface for several more streets.

Annual Dixie Day Picnic August 9th

At a meeting of the former residents of the southern states who have formed the Dixie Association, it was decided to have their annual picnic in Lithia Park on August 9, and preparations for the event are now being taken care of.

Mr. John H. Dill is president and Mrs. F. F. Whittle is secretary of the organization, and any of the former residents who have not already sent in their names will confer a favor upon the officers by doing so right away. The membership fee of the association is 25 cents per family, and the money is used for the necessary expenses incident to the outing and other incidental matters of the association.

The following committees have been appointed to arrange for the outing: General committee on arrangements, Mrs. Leah Caldwell, chairman; Mrs. C. F. Shepherd, Mrs. H. S. Mullt and Mrs. F. F. Whittle. Committee on program, M. C. Reed, chairman; Mrs. Myrtle Drake and Miss Blanche Hicks. Reception committee, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dill, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Whittle, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Phipps, Mrs. Leah Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNair, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McNair, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buchanan, Mrs. Dicy Perkins Monroe, Mrs. Castleman, Mrs. Ann H. Russell and J. B. Hunter. Mrs. W. M. Barber is chairman of the reception committee.

It is expected that a large number from down the valley will attend this outing.

Pump at Ament Dam Dynamited

The large pump at the Ament dam, used to lift water into the irrigation conduits of the Rogue River Public Service Corporation, was destroyed shortly after midnight Friday morning by an explosion which shattered the driving wheel and damaged the plant to the extent of \$1,500.

As a consequence, farmers under the irrigation ditch are shy of water at the time they need it most.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by nitroglycerine, as gas left indicated this explosive rather than dynamite. It is reported that the explosion was incendiary, presumably the work of some of the workmen recently employed by the company, who have failed to secure money due as wages. The plant had been attached by workmen's liens.

President G. E. Sanders of the Public Service Corporation recently returned from the east and has been endeavoring to secure a release of liens filed against the company property by offering a time settlement, part of the money to be paid in thirty days and installments at stated periods thereafter. The proposal was not favorably received by some of the men. Threats of demolition of the dam had been in circulation.

Cost of Justice In County Low

The following is the data on the business of the circuit court for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, as compiled by the county clerk's office:

There have been 234 equity, 143 law and 34 criminal cases filed in the year, making a total of 411 cases filed, for which fees were received in the sum of \$3,103.

Hon. F. M. Calkins was the only judge presiding during the year, and tried cases as follows:

Equity, 75; actions, with jury, 20; without jury, 11; criminal jury trials, 10, plea of guilty, 10. Trial fees received, \$150.

Default cases were entered as follows: Equity, 151; law actions, 61. Dismissed cases not tried: Equity, 30; law, 48; criminal, 1, with 6 not true bills. Motions, etc., taken up in old cases, previously disposed of: Equity, 19; law, 7.

Court attendants, excepting clerk: Crier\$261 Bailiffs 117 Reporter 90

Total\$468 All other expenses for circuit court, which includes witnesses before petit jury and grand jury, as well as grand jury expenses, aggregates \$1,248.29, making a grand total cost for the year of \$3,605.15.